

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration recognizes that family caregivers, whether they are caregiver spouses, adult children, relatives, friends, or grandparents raising their grandchildren are the mainstay for older persons and children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS, today, over 60% of today's adult population either is or expects to be a family caregiver and an estimated 48,181 Hoosier grandparents are caring for grandchildren living with them; and
- WHEREAS, family caregivers contribute billions annually to the Nation's health care system which reduces costs to Medicare, Medicaid, and private payers; and
- WHEREAS, for six years, the "National Family Caregiver Support Program" has been operating through Indiana's statewide network of 16 area agencies on aging, which offers caregivers information and assistance about available services and how to access those services; individual counseling; support groups; caregiver training; respite care; and supplemental services such as transportation, emergency response systems, home modifications and assistive technologies to temporarily relieve caregivers; and
- WHEREAS, November 2006 is National Family Caregiver Month and is an acknowledgement that in Indiana and as a society, we share a duty to honor, thank, support, assist, educate and celebrate family caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim, November, 2006, as

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 22nd day of September, 2006.

M E Daniels, Jr.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana

Todd Rokita

ATTEST:

Todd Rokita
Secretary of State